

ORDINANCE NO. 020, 2018
OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF FORT COLLINS
APPROPRIATING PRIOR YEAR RESERVES IN THE GENERAL FUND
FOR SECURITY SCREENING FOR FORT COLLINS MUNICIPAL COURT

WHEREAS, the Fort Collins Municipal Court has identified a need for security screening of people attending hearings at the Court's facilities in the 215 North Mason Street office building; and

WHEREAS, of eleven similarly-sized courts surveyed in Colorado, all used some sort of security screening equipment to screen the public before they are allowed access to the court; and

WHEREAS, it is impractical to install security screening at all entrances to 215 North Mason, which would be required under state law to prohibit the public from bringing firearms into the building as it is currently configured; and

WHEREAS, City staff has reviewed many possible options and concluded that the best solution is to physically separate the entire courtroom area from the rest of the building and limit public access to one entry door equipped with a magnetometer; and

WHEREAS, the total cost for the proposed physical changes to the building, the screening equipment, and screening personnel for 2018, is \$159,832; and

WHEREAS, Article V, Section 9 of the City Charter permits the City Council to appropriate by ordinance at any time during the fiscal year such funds for expenditure as may be available from reserves accumulated in prior years, notwithstanding that such reserves were not previously appropriated; and

WHEREAS, the Financial Officer has determined that the appropriations as described herein are available and previously unappropriated in the General Fund; and

WHEREAS, this appropriation will serve a public purpose by providing funds to help protect the health, safety and welfare of members of the public attending Municipal Court and the City employees who work there.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF FORT COLLINS as follows:

Section 1. That the City Council hereby makes and adopts the determinations and findings contained in the recitals set forth above.

Section 2. That there is hereby appropriated from reserves in the General Fund the sum of ONE HUNDRED FIFTY-NINE THOUSAND EIGHT HUNDRED THIRTY TWO DOLLARS (\$159,832) for expenditure in the General Fund for the security screening addition for Fort Collins Municipal Court.

Introduced, considered favorably on first reading, and ordered published this 6th day of February, A.D. 2018, and to be presented for final passage on the 20th day of February, A.D. 2018.



Mayor

ATTEST:



City Clerk



Passed and adopted on final reading on the 20th day of February, A.D. 2018.



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